



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6427***

LCO No. 3160



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING POLLING PLACES FOR PRIMARIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 9-438 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2       following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3       [In] (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this  
4       section, in each municipality or voting district, the polling place or  
5       places for [primaries] a primary held under sections 9-382 to 9-450,  
6       inclusive, shall be the same as those used for the election to be held.  
7       When unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-431 to vote  
8       in the primary of either of two parties, both parties shall hold their  
9       primaries in the same room of each such polling place.

10       (b) The registrars of voters of a municipality may reduce the  
11       number of polling places required under subsection (a) of this section  
12       and shall designate such polling place or places not later than sixty  
13       days prior to a primary held under sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive,  
14       the location of which may be the same or different than of those

15 polling places required under subsection (a) of this section. Not earlier  
16 than sixty days prior to such primary, but not later than forty-five days  
17 prior to such primary, the registrars of voters shall notify the Secretary  
18 of the State and the candidates seeking nomination to an office in such  
19 primary of the change in the polling place or places. If such a  
20 candidate objects to a change in the polling place or places, the  
21 candidate shall notify the Secretary of such objection not later than  
22 four o'clock p.m. on the thirtieth day prior to the primary. Such  
23 notification from the candidate shall be in the form of a written letter,  
24 signed by the candidate, and shall be held confidential by the  
25 Secretary. The Secretary shall promptly notify such registrars of voters  
26 and any candidate seeking nomination to an office in such primary  
27 that the Secretary has received a letter of objection, which notification  
28 shall not identify the candidate who objected. If such a candidate so  
29 objects, or if a municipality's registrars of voters cannot agree upon a  
30 polling place or places for a primary, the polling place or places shall  
31 be the same as those used for the election to be held. Not later than  
32 twenty-one days prior to a primary, the registrars of voters shall send  
33 notification of the polling place for the primary, by mail, to each elector  
34 whose polling place for the primary will be different than the elector's  
35 polling place for the election, except that no registrar of voters shall be  
36 required to so notify an elector for any subsequent primary, provided  
37 the primary polling place for such elector remains the same as that  
38 which was provided for in the initial notification. If any polling place  
39 that would otherwise be open pursuant to subsection (a) of this section  
40 is closed pursuant to this subsection, the registrars of voters shall  
41 ensure that a sign is posted at such polling place providing electors  
42 with information to redirect the electors to the open polling place or  
43 places for the primary. When unaffiliated electors are authorized  
44 under section 9-431 to vote in the primary of either of two parties, both  
45 parties shall hold their primaries in the same room of each such polling  
46 place. Notwithstanding any provision of title 7 or this title, any special  
47 act, charter or ordinance, if the number of polling places are reduced  
48 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, the number of

49 moderators required for such primary may be reduced, if the registrars  
50 of voters so agree, provided at least one certified moderator serves  
51 each polling place.

52 (c) On the day of the primary, the polls shall remain open for voting  
53 from six o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-438
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow municipalities to reduce the number of polling places for primaries.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*